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1. The Director appeared today before the Symington Subcommittee and testified on Soviet air capabilities. He was accompanied by Messrs. Amory, Stoertz, and Paul of CIA, and by Brigadier General Watson and staff from Air Force Intelligence. The Director read a prepared statement, with frequent interruptions from committee members and committee counsel. There was an apparent conflict between the data given by the Director on certain points and data previously given to the Armed Services Committee by Secretary Quarles and General Twining. The data related to the current range of Russian ballistic missiles and on the number of MIG 17's now possessed by the Russians. Senator Symington requested that the Executive departments submit an agreed estimate for the committee. Inasmuch as the Director's prepared statement, with interruptions occupied the entire time of the hearing, the Director was requested to return on 23 April at 10:00 A.M. for the main questioning by the committee. Mr. Amory is in charge of correcting the transcript of the testimony and will coordinate as appropriate with the Defense Department as to the substance thereof. I have been designated to serve as general liaison with Admiral Arthur Davis, who is in charge of the testimony insofar as the Department of Defense is concerned.

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2. Met with Messrs. White, Tietjen, Warner,  to discuss a draft Administration bill on medical benefits for overseas Government employees. I am to draft a proposed reply to the Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. Warner is to prepare for Col. White a detailed justification of all aspects of the proposed CIA legislation which is now before the Congress.

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